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1. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BIGAYIMPUNZI PLANS ARRIVE U.S. TUESDAY, SEP 30 TO JOIN BURUNDI DELEGATION TO IBRD COFFEE LOAN NEGOTIATIONS WHO GETTING THERE BEFORE HIM. (HE DID NOT RECEIVE PRESIDENT MICOMBERO'S AUTHORIZATION FOR HIS TRIP UNTIL TODAY, AUTHORIZATION WHICH WAS NECESSARY BEFORE HE COULD GIVE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION OF HIS TRAVEL). HIS EXACT ARRIVAL TIME AND PORT OF ENTRY ARE TO BE GIVEN TO EMBASSY TOMORROW.

2. AT THIS POINT MINISTER BIGAYIMPUNZI IS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG COFFEE NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE AND WILL NOT KNOW BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. SINCE HE REMAINS ANXIOUS TO SEE THE WORLD DAIRY EXPO IN WISCONSIN, PERHAPS HE COULD BE SCHEDULED THERE FOR WEEKEND DATES OCT 4-5 EVEN IF NEGOTIATIONS STILL NOT COMPLETED DURING WORK WEEK.

3. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME HE CAN SPEND ON TRAVEL GRANT IS 15 DAYS BECAUSE OF PRESSING BUSINESS HERE IN BURUNDI. TRAVEL TO AND FROM U.S. WILL BE AT GRB EXPENSE.

4. WOULD URGE DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FIT IN
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PROGRAM FOR BIGAYIMPUNZI. HE IS MINISTER WITH WHOM

WE HAVE HAD MOST POSITIVE RESPONSE AND MOST EFFICIENCY IN
OUR BILATERAL DEALINGS WITH THE GRB. AND, IN CONTRAST TO
RECENT IV PROGRAMING EXPERIENCE WITH BURUNDIAN, WE ARE
CONFIDENT THHAT HE WILL BE EAGER TO SEE THINGS AND EASY TO
PLEASE.
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